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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
414 Fourth St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012
Re: Application # 16556

OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Dear Ms. Reid:

I have lived in Washington, D. C. since 1945 and have resided in my present home since 1954. For more than 40 years I have dreamed of a religious day school based in Washington, D. C. Most of my friends left for Suburbia many years ago.

Finally, we have the opportunity to keep families from moving out of D. C. and bring families back to D.C. It is vitally important to do everything possible to assist the Jewish Day Primary School in its transitional phase as it seeks a temporary site for three school years.

As a parent of two children who attended Adas Israel Congregational Hebrew School and six grandchildren who are currently attending or have graduated from Jewish DAY Schools in Maryland and New Jersey, I am writing to ask for your support in considering and approving the Jewish Primary Day School's application.

Surely, with mutual cooperation, traffic considerations can be resolved to permit a school that has been recognized for the quality of its curriculum, its talented faculty, and the high performance level of its students to have a temporary home on 16th St.N.W. before it settles into a permanent site.

A vibrant community needs children, and more children in the Shepherd Park area will, in my opinion, benefit the immediate community in many ways, including cultural interchange.

Hopefully, all the traffic concerns can be addressed in a manner that will bring satisfaction to everyone. I know that you who must make this judgment will not allow the possibility of minor traffic blips to mar the probability of 178 children receiving the best education possible in D.C. without having to leave for Suburbia.

JPDS deserves to stay in the District of Columbia, and the District of Columbia deserves to reap the benefits.

Sincerely,

Edith Baldinger

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cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

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